



Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

Roselle, NJ

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, the President signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Borough of Roselle was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Roselle is an urban community of 21,274 residents in eastern Union County, about 15 miles from New York City. Downtown business in Roselle has steadily eroded, with 25 percent of businesses closing their doors in the last three years. Approximately 51.3 percent of the population is African-American, and another 17.1 percent is Hispanic. Nearly 23 percent of the residents of Roselle are foreign-born, and 75 percent of foreign-born residents report Latin American countries as their place of birth. Unemployment in Roselle was 8 percent in 2002, and 7.5 percent of the population lives in



Assessment Grant

New
2004

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Borough of Roselle to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to conduct Phase I and II assessments at a former trucking company site. Grant funds will also be used to plan remedial activities and conduct community outreach.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, the activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

poverty. Cleanup of the targeted site is expected to lead to the construction of a new Emergency Management Services Headquarters for the borough and surrounding area. Redevelopment will rid the neighborhood of contaminants and health hazards, improve the appearance of the area, and foster development of new residential and commercial activity.